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Re: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 05-64

Dear Ms. Purcell:

Enclosed is the first set of information requests by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company regarding the above-captioned matter. Please submit copies of the Company's responses to the information requests to the Department by 5:00 p.m., October 14, 2005.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (617) 305-3762. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jody Stiefel Hearing Officer

Enc.

cc: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY D.T.E. 05-64

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") hereby submits to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg" or "Company") the following information request(s).

INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions apply to this set of Information Requests and all subsequent Information Requests issued by the Department to the Company in this proceeding.

- 1. Each request should be answered in writing on a separate, three-hole punch page with a recitation of the request, a reference to the request number, the docket number of the case and the name of the person responsible for the answer.
- 2. Do not wait for all answers to be completed before supplying answers. Provide the answers as they are completed.
- 3. These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further supplemental responses if the Company or its witness receives or generates additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the original response and the close of the record in this proceeding.
- 4. The term "provide complete and detailed documentation" means:
 - Provide all data, assumptions and calculations relied upon. Provide the source of and basis for all data and assumptions employed. Include all studies, reports and planning documents from which data, estimates or assumptions were drawn and support for how the data or assumptions were used in developing the projections or estimates. Provide and explain all supporting work-papers.
- 5. The term "document" is used in its broadest sense and includes, without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, microfilm, microfiche, computer printouts, correspondence, handwritten notes, records or reports, bills,

checks, articles from journals or other sources and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and all copies of such documents that bear notations or other markings that differentiate such copies from the original.

- 6. If any one of these requests is ambiguous, notify the Hearing Officer so that the request may be clarified prior to the preparation of a written response.
- 7. Please serve a copy of the responses on Mary Cottrell, Secretary of the Department, one copy to the Service List in D.T.E. 04-48, and three copies of the responses to Jody M. Stiefel, Hearing Officer.

Requests

DTE 1-1 Refer to the pre-filed testimony of Laurence M. Brock at 8-9. Please provide the number of pension plans maintained by Unitil Service Corporation ("Unitil").

If Unitil maintains more than one pension plan, provide the funding targets, funding pace, regulatory recovery (where applicable) and required contribution policy for each of the service company pension plans.

If Unitil maintains one pension plan, please provide the following information:

- (a) Does the plan have different funding targets for utility participants in the plan versus non-utility participants? If the answer if affirmative, provide an analysis of each funding target.
- (b) Does the plan has a different funding pace for utility participants in the plan versus non-utility participants? If the answer is affirmative, provide an analysis of each funding pace.
- (c) Are required contributions determined for the plan as a whole or by the minimum funding requirements of each of the participants? If contributions are determined for the plan as a whole, explain, in detail, how total plan contributions are allocated between plan participants.
- (d) Explain, in detail, why some plan participants have prepaid pension balances while others have pension liabilities.